Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 30 Sep 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 01 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 29 Sep 2023 at 16:10 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Saturday. High for west or southwesterly winds to bring showers from Sunday onwards

Headline for Saturday 30 Sep 2023: Mainly dry, outbreaks of rain spreading northeast later in the day. Becoming windy later.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 30 Sep 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	00%	10%	40%	70%	40%

Forecast for Saturday 30 Sep 2023

Weather: Most of the day will be dry although a light shower possible at first. Rain will reach northern Lochaber and Skye by late afternoon and then spread to elsewhere by early evening. The evening will be cloudy with outbreaks of rain but this becoming light and patchy by late evening from the south.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low cloud and visibility: Very good visibility with good air clarity for most of the day, some patchy cloud down to 850 metres. Areas of cloud down to 700 metres will develop after dark, this chiefly across Skye, northern Lochaber and Caithness.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	25/31 W	15/19 W	13/16 SW	13/17 S	15/19 S	20/26 SE	27/35 SE	34/43 SE	35/46 S
900	24/30 W	15/19 W	12/16 SW	13/17 S	14/18 S	19/24 SE	26/34 SE	31/41 SE	32/42 S
600	15/21 W	9/14 W	8/12 SW	9/12 S	11/15 S	14/19 SE	19/27 SE	23/33 SE	23/33 S
300	5/22 W	2/14 W	2/10 SW	2/10 S	4/13 S	4/17 SE	6/25 E	6/27 E	6/29 S
Glen	7/16 W	1/6 NW	2/5 W	3/7 SE	6/13 SE	8/17 SE	13/26 E	14/29 E	14/31 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	4/-2	4/-0	4/0	4/0	6/1	6/1	5/-0	5/-1	7/1
900	5/-1	5/1	5/1	5/1	6/3	7/3	6/1	6/0	8/2
600	7/3	7/4	7/4	7/5	9/6	9/6	8/5	9/4	10/6
300	9/8	9/8	9/8	10/9	12/11	12/11	10/9	10/9	11/10
Glen	11/10	11/11	11/11	12/12	14/13	14/13	13/10	13/10	14/12
Freezing Level*	1600m	1600m	1600m	1500m	1700m	1800m	2300m	2900m	2200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Strengthening winds in the afternoon will make for slow progress in the evening. Combined with rain this will lead to drenching conditions in places and a notable wind chill to end the day.

Forecast for Sunday 01 Oct 2023

Weather: Some early low cloud, this lifting and breaking through the morning. Then a bright and windy day with a few passing showers, these most frequent in the morning.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 35 mph with gusts to 45 mph on the tops

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% at first, 70% by afternoon

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of cloud around 500 metres at first, this lifting and to patches around 850 metres by late morning. Excellent visibility with great air clarity for the afternoon with only small amounts of summit cloud, this most prevalent across Skye and southern Lochaber.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 rising to 15 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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